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February 9, 2022

The Honorable Joe Manchin  
Chairman, Energy and Natural  
Resources Committee  
304 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable John Barrasso  
Ranking Member, Energy and Natural  
Resources Committee  
304 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
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Dear Chairman Manchin and Ranking Member Barrasso:

We are writing to request that the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee consider S. 3519, a bill to amend the National Trails System Act to designate the Butterfield Overland National Historic Trail, and for other purposes, as soon as possible.

This legislation that we introduced designates the Butterfield Overland National Historic Trail. This more than 3,000-mile trail follows the route operated by the Butterfield Overland Mail Company from 1858-1861 to transport mail and passengers between the eastern end points of St. Louis, Missouri and Memphis, Tennessee, and westward through Arkansas, Oklahoma, Texas, New Mexico, and Arizona, to the western end point of San Francisco, California. The National Park Service found the trail to be significant, feasible, suitable and desirable for designation as a national historic trail, following a special resource study that concluded in May 2018. Congress previously authorized the special resource study in *Public Law 111-11*, and designation is the final step to recognizing the national significance of this historic trail.

Thank you for your consideration of our request. We hope Congress will be able to pass this legislation this year, which is why we urge the Committee to consider and approve the Senate bill as soon as possible. Please contact Joe Brown with Senator Boozman's office if you have any questions or need any additional information.

Sincerely,

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John Boozman  
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Martin Heinrich  
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